

Boston. Sunday Jan 2. 1858

Dearest Emma, my first letter of
this year is for you. The truth
is nearly over. I live and will
be better than ever. I expect
you on the 7th of Dec.
nearly a month ago. But I trust the
non arrival of letters will not alarm
you as you will know how we are
occupied. I sent you a Transcript a
week ago containing the advertisement
as a suggestion of our labors & I
promised to write you whether or no
he did. I cannot tell. I shall look over
"Garnet" & minute the most remarkable
facts. On the 8th we received cards for
Miss Peterson's wedding which was to take
place a week from that day. The same
was a good deal consulted by the even-
ing it was understood. There is was to be
an occasion. As the connection was large
some of the more distant relatives like
Mr. Not Blam. had & Jane B. had been
cut off, but we were esteemed as first
cousins, the Cousins & her & so very near
to the bride. On the 9th Mr. Albert
Kilwell left us having taken service
with the taken. As his habits were
not those of superstition, meanness, but in
thrift at first she shined never more
accept the staff of life, we at length
the gladly resigned that he was to take
care of. I must not make the bread. On
the 13th S. & I came in town. Before
leaving came letters from you, Maria &
Anna. I was deeply interested in your
account of Frank's affairs. But I think
her a fool & that if

Wilfue will to wait. Wilfue must
drench. I clearly love good common
sense. But you are not to blame.
You are not called upon to penetrate
your own face or be stupid. All the
13th & 14th I was busy in dispatching
those myriads of little details preparatory
to the Fair that it would only be kind
for you to hear. On the afternoon of the 14th
May, Mr May, Mr May, Mr May, Mr May
Debraut & I felt a smacking at the
pinnacle back of Halliwell's Hall in
School St. It is the nicest place we
have ever had & the man who keeps
the shop in front was our humble
savior in a moment & treated us to
the best of pears every day. The presence
of a doll who had broken her arm
brought us at once into amiable re-
laxation & by the time the French box
arrived, Mr Curtis, for that is the
man's name, in his white sleeves
between 9 & 10 worked deftly dived
into the storm & unpacked it. or at
least quietly kept. We marked the
deeds & Mr. Carter's boxes which
were very handsome. And the 15th
very well. In addition to other helpers
we had Mr G. Russell, Miss Cotton &
Anna. In the afternoon D. & I snatched
a hasty meal, & we 2 took the car to
Weymouth for the wedding, for as I
supposed the S's wished to show us to
their friends, as some relations we felt
bound to go & took our best. Debraut
was a good good time to dinner.

a thin white something with blue
finings, & a wreath of Anemones in her
hair. I hemmed up that green silk
of linen that Mr. sent her so long
ago & wore a lace cape over it & short
sleeves. It was a stern conflict & at
the night was cold. The Tom Wilson
carried me over & we got through
tho' coming home, as we thought it
would make our days long in the
house. We got out & went in to show
ourselves. The Aunt Phoebe who wanted
to see people, begged for company.
Mrs. S's hair was full, her petticoat
with white cloth to save them from
the sun, & a large company as
seen. The bride was dressed in a
way to enhance her natural charms.
I had the disadvantage of a hand-
some white maid a Boston friend. Her
sponse is a young lawyer by the name
of Avery & they are to live in Essex.
Dr. Storrs married them & Mr. Perkins
made the closing prayer. There was a
good supper & all went off well. Public
life has so improved Caleb that he
dits a good deal like other folks. I had
a pretty poor night after the gay &
festive scenes, but Dr. was smart & was
to be with us the next morning. I could
not get to bed, but went at 10. All the next
day we were looking over Mr. Folger's box
& with boxes for I believe there were
about 1 box. The things were all nice
& beautiful & well filled for a fair &
were marked. They were given by her
self, Charles, Susan & L. & with from Miss
Sturges & a few contributions from others.

They contained long notes from herself
& Susan with abundance of side
whilst I hope I shall exercise tonight
if my mind only holds out. Mrs. F. has
in her letter at my hearing from her
again & about great things yet to be
done. I suppose she refers to the Staff
and I have addressed well the finished
Pent & Mr. F. & at night I was half
dead but struggled through. I had a
letter from Mr. Brown dated Glasgow
he was having a good time but a
little annoyed by fighting the imperial
battle there the 17th marked the Edin-
burgh fair. That & Pent were much
larger & handsomer than usual. Mrs.
Tom has evidently affected the people
abroad & it is shown by the increase
of contributions. Mr. Brigham writes full of
anxiety about G.C.'s letter & E. Eliza
has sent a letter to G.C. W. himself of argu-
ment to piece from the north to come. G.
W. also urges me to write to the Socy.
as such. but I see no reason for doing
We had a very excellent box from Edin-
burgh from individuals & not the Socy.
That evening & all the next day I did
the little notes. Sat night we were down
at the Hall marking the Glasgow box
which was as simple very good &
saleable, shawls, Afghan blankets &c.
Sunday I rested. G. & L. had come
from N.Y. & were at W. Carr & I had
a bad rheumatism & was too sick
to come in down till the Friday after
the fair opened, but she must write
on her own experience.

Sunday 19. I called, 2. with one to see
Henrietta. She has all outward comfort
but she must be very lonely there
she has the best furniture in the
city. Monday B & Co. came for the
notes. Caroline came in town & Henry
with her. C. & D. proceeded to Kalamazoo
and I left & laid out the tables & I
El. State buying the tables. I observed
have seen nothing of the Bristol things.
They were mostly very nice, beautiful
furniture. This evening was Mr. Henry's
de. time at the Melodeon. The house
was very full & we all liked him
very well. He is almost too benevolent
looking a person, but he certainly has
very pleasant society. In evening
Caroline sent him a note the evening
before the Fair opened & two tickets. We
he has never made his appearance.
He is much with a person as I did not
take him to be, on the 22^d the Fair
opened & the day was fine & we had a
successful day. We took \$800 & had more
enbank & fashion than last year. Some
people were there that have never been
before like Mr. Tom Ward, the Sherrin
tr. As the Hall is small, we were
really thronged. The next day two warms
were on. I will not go on to tell what
we did day by day. Suppose it that at this
present date we have \$3580 or about, &
as the coin fell in tickets the last 2 days
at Mr. Jackson's suggestion we agreed to
prolong the Fair through Monday & Tuesday
next in order to make up the sum of
\$14,000 which we hope to do. nearly \$100
is collected for the statuette which has

been considered extremely beautiful &
been very much admired. It has
worked as Maria thought. A great part
of the people who have given me the
half & half Abolitionists. I sent Mrs.
Stowe 2 tickets & it is said she came in
the first day of the fair, but nobody knew
her; Garrison speaks very well of her
however. She has been to see him &
he thinks her an excellent unaffected
woman. She has been invited abroad
by some people in Scotland, of the
more fairish I dare say, but I hardly
think she will do us any harm. The
Dowells have been in the looking
very sweetly with a most becoming
bonnet. Mrs. Darrow has also been.
in short the local situation has been
very good for us. As I have said L. did
not come in till the Friday after the
fair began. She & Deborah have staid at
Mrs. May's in Franklin St. Poor Mr. May
felt down the day before the fair opened
& put on his shoulder & broke a rib.
This has been a great annoyance to
Mrs. May & a great loss to the fair as
it has kept her away much to
her disapprovement. However they
insisted upon J. & L. coming all the
same. Henry was in the little bed we
place & D. & I took up the room up
stairs, dugg's room till Caroline arrived
& then she took D's place. The Campy, Sarah
& Susan have been at F. Jackson's & Maria
& Mrs. Smith at Mr. Parker's. Caroline
passed last Sunday at Waltham at
the Marks & is to say at the dunnings
at Durham. On the 28th we got

via Weyman with dear Henry's letter. Why
did not you write? Her was very good &
wise, but you must be sure to not
get too far behind hand. All the members
of M. de Meville were so, but we
have got 3 back. I've had gone to Paris
month. The French box was opened on
the 4th morning & its delay did us no
harm. In through the things beautiful
& they were like new. The Dutch one
box from Webb too was just what it
should have been & sold beautifully.
Abby Bryson as was bought ^{the} 2 barrels,
for \$50 & one for \$10. All Maria's casts
are gone. Waver had bespoke one, & got
look another, besides the 3 so all were
before the fair opened, but we
kept one put up of course. J. N. Buffen
has bought her of mine for \$10. Of the
floods of intemperance heaped on these
poor women, heard I will say nothing.
He is as dear George in the eye of
this generation. I had no idea that it
would have made such an uproar.
I wish the memorial may be sent to
Mr. Lawrence. Of course it is not a
memorial of a kind to be sent to us or
any body like us. It is certainly designed
for worldlings. I should so love to see
what they would do with it. Just
while writes to Waver that the Dutch
is a silly woman. He (W) by the way,
doing very well, but according to his
own accounts & circles. He goes down in
town every day. Henry was looking very
well. He only said

the Saturday night & then went
to N. Y. with the Houghtons who have
been making a visit to Mr. Gray.
They only returned last night, having
been out a day & a night
on the sound. Yesterday & the day before
was a pouring rain & so very dull
day that I came home much time
than at any time, so today I did
not go out but laid abed a good
deal. I had meant to go to the
New Muni. Hall to hear Parker &
Thos. Keary did go I am told, but
believe P. was on no specially inter-
esting subject. Mary has had a bad cold
she is better. She is much charmed
with Thos. Keary. I have been to 4
of his lectures & think them very
pleasant & agreeable. He has had a
good deal of attention here & is
quite the fashion. All are well &
Weymouth. She is on the top of the
highest wave, Hannah being gone
& so she for a week or two alone
and Mary writes me three times
has put the house from top to
into the most perfect order & that
it looks like a castle. I will write
more if there be room but I fear
C. & L. will write some thing in the
very letter; that will fill up all the
weight. Best love to all. If I had
three or four hundred dollars at my
own disposal I should come right on
you but I don't see any way. Don't
write constantly & may you & I disagree
be wise & prudent, or foolish & imprudent
just as is for the best.

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